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## Meta Materials Announces Update on Naked Short Selling Investigation

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Company Update

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Noted META Board Chairman, Jack Harding, "We needed all available data (unearthed by these esteemed securities law firms) at our disposal to delineate stock manipulation, and by which parties. We are now equipped with the necessary information to act and will be further sharing these findings with regulatory agencies. Simultaneously, we expect to file legal proceedings in the coming quarters against the responsible financial service firms." META looks forward to releasing additional press releases as more information becomes available.

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# Next Bridge Hydrocarbons Announces Engaging Christian Attar Law Firm

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MIDLAND, Texas, Feb. 18, 2025 /PRNewswire/ – **Next Bridge Hydrocarbons, Inc.** ("Next Bridge," "our," "we," or the "Company"), an oil and natural gas exploration and production company with interests in Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma announced today the following:

The Company is pleased to announce engaging the services of the Houston-based law firm Christian Attar. Christian Attar has been engaged to explore and investigate any and all potential claims related to harassment, business disparagement, libel, slander, tortious interference, conspiracy, obstruction of justice and violations of the Administrative Procedures Act. The Company will be working closely with founding partner James "Wes" Christian, whom we believe is the best candidate for investigating such potential claims given his expertise in this area of litigation.

As stated in prior press releases, the Company has become aware of shareholder ledger imbalances at several brokerage firms totaling amounts exceeding the aggregate 2.65 million share short interest position in MMTLP stated publicly by FINRA. The Company wishes to reiterate that after more than two years, we have yet to uncover the full magnitude of these imbalances. This is in spite of multiple attempts to recruit assistance from overseeing Regulators.

Chairman and CEO Greg McCabe stated, "We are excited by these latest additions to our growing advisory team. Working with Wes Christian, a seasoned and highly successful litigator and an expert well-versed in our story from the beginning, marks the dawning of a new era for our legal campaign. We will not stand by

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as nefarious actors with hidden agendas spread misinformation regarding our Company, our business activities or our personnel. Our patient and loyal shareholders deserve us to protect the integrity of both Next Bridge and their investment in it, and I want to truly thank once again our online community, the MMTLP ARMY, for their long-standing support and steadfast dedication."

### **About Next Bridge Hydrocarbons, Inc.**

The Company is an independent public reporting energy company engaged in the acquisition, exploration, exploitation and/or development of oil and natural gas properties in the United States. We have minor well interests in the Eastern edge of the Midland Basin in Texas, two minor well interests in Oklahoma and exploration prospect leaseholds in onshore south Louisiana. Please visit [www.nextbridgehydrocarbons.com](http://www.nextbridgehydrocarbons.com) for more information.

Next Bridge is a private company insofar as its common stock is not traded on a public stock exchange of any kind. The Company is expected to update shareholders about certain operational and financial matters related to Company business. To receive emails regarding this, visit <https://www.nextbridgehydrocarbons.com/investors> and complete the Email Alert / Investor Form. You may also choose to follow our social media channels at @nbhydrocarbons on X (formerly Twitter) and "Next Bridge Hydrocarbons" on LinkedIn.

This statement may contain "forward-looking statements" as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements are based on management's current expectations and are subject to a number of factors and uncertainties which could cause actual results to differ materially from those described herein. Although the Company believes the expectations in such statements to be reasonable, there can be no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. Information concerning the assumptions, uncertainties and risks that may affect the actual results can be found in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") available on the Company's website or the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

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**ethics complaint against James Wes Christian**

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Sat, Mar 8, 2025 at 6:54 PM

Jennifer Vetrano <JVetrano@opko.com>  
To: "stephanie.lowe@texasbar.com" <stephanie.lowe@texasbar.com>  
Cc: Jennifer Vetrano <jvetrano999@gmail.com>

Hi Stephanie,

Can you please help me? I am not sure who exactly to email in Texas for a complaint against a Texas attorney? Thank you.

**Complaint to the State Bar of Texas**

**Complainant Information:**

Jennifer Vetrano

25 Pond Hollow Lane, West Creek, NJ 08092

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**Attorney Information:**

James Wes Christian

1177 West Loop South, Suite 1700, Houston, TX 77027

Phone: 713-659-7617

**Subject:** Ethical Violations Related to Overly Broad and Burdensome Litigation Hold Notice, Significant Conflict of Interest, Improper Representation, and Potential Impropriety

**Date:** March 8, 2025

**Introduction:**

This complaint is filed to report potential ethical violations by Attorney James Wes Christian, arising from a litigation hold notice dated March 4, 2025, concerning MMTLP. The notice contains discovery requests that are excessively broad, burdensome, and potentially violative of Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, as well as ethical obligations. Furthermore, James Wes Christian is currently working with the Meta Materials bankruptcy case, and the Meta Materials Board of Directors is included as a party in my Pro se court case (Case number 7:24-CV-325). This direct and ongoing representation of a party involved in my litigation, especially in the context of bankruptcy proceedings, creates a severe and undeniable conflict of interest. Additionally, it has come to my attention that James Wes Christian is paying stock promoters, such as Gary Valinoti (known as "Ham the ShortKiller" on social media), \$300 per hour for "consulting," which raises serious questions about potential impropriety.

**Statement of Facts:**

**Overly Broad Discovery Requests:**

On March 4, 2025, I received a litigation hold notice from Mr. Christian demanding "all documents" related to MMTLP, without specifying the subject matter or timeframe.

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The request for records dating back to 2018, when I acquired MMTLP shares in late 2022, is particularly egregious and appears to be a "fishing expedition." See *In re CSX Corp.*, 124 S.W.3d 149, 152 (Tex. 2003) (holding that discovery requests must be reasonably tailored).

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This lack of specificity violates Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 192.3(b), which requires specific and particularized requests. See *Lofin v. Martin*, 776 S.W.2d 145, 148 (Tex. 1989) (emphasizing the importance of specificity in discovery). See also *In re Am. Optical Corp. Prods. Liab. Litig.*, 165 S.W.3d 449, 454 (Tex. App.—Corpus Christi 2005, orig. proceeding) (holding that a request for "all documents relating to" a particular subject is overly broad).

**Invasion of Privacy and Chilling Effect on Free Speech:**

The requests for social media information and "reports, complaints, or moderation actions on X" raise significant privacy concerns and potentially infringe on First Amendment rights. This is a violation of the Texas Constitution art. I, § 19. See *Industrial Found. of the South v. Texas Indus. Accident Bd.*, 540 S.W.2d 668, 682 (Tex. 1976) (recognizing a constitutional right to privacy).

**Potential Harassment and Intimidation:**

As a pro se plaintiff in Case No. 7:24-CV-325, I perceive the litigation hold notice as potentially retaliatory and an attempt to intimidate or interfere with my lawsuit.

I have reason to believe that Mr. Christian has preexisting relationships with those named in my lawsuit, creating a conflict of interest.

This may violate Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 191.3, which prohibits discovery abuse. See *Chrysler Corp. v. Blackmon*, 841 S.W.2d 844, 849 (Tex. 1992) (recognizing the potential for discovery abuse).

**Undue Financial Burden:**

As a pro se litigant and single parent, the requests for forensically qualified images and data from Access or Oracle databases place an undue financial burden on myself. See *Tex. R. Civ. P. 192.4* (allowing objections based on undue burden and expense); *In re Deere & Co.*, 299 S.W.3d 819, 821 (Tex. 2009) (recognizing that discovery costs can be a factor in determining proportionality).

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James Wes Christian is currently working with the Meta Materials bankruptcy case.

The Meta Materials Board of Directors is included as a party in my pending court case, 7:24-CV-325.

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**Rules of Professional Conduct Violated:**

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Rules pertaining to reasonable discovery.

Rules pertaining to improper representation.

Rules pertaining to conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice.

**Relief Sought:**

I request that the State Bar of Texas investigate these potential ethical violations, including the severe and ongoing conflict of interest arising from Mr. Christian's representation of Meta Materials in bankruptcy, the conflict of interest arising from Mr. Christian's prior representation of John Brda, and the potential impropriety related to payments to stock promoters, and take appropriate disciplinary action against Attorney James Wes Christian.

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James W. Christian

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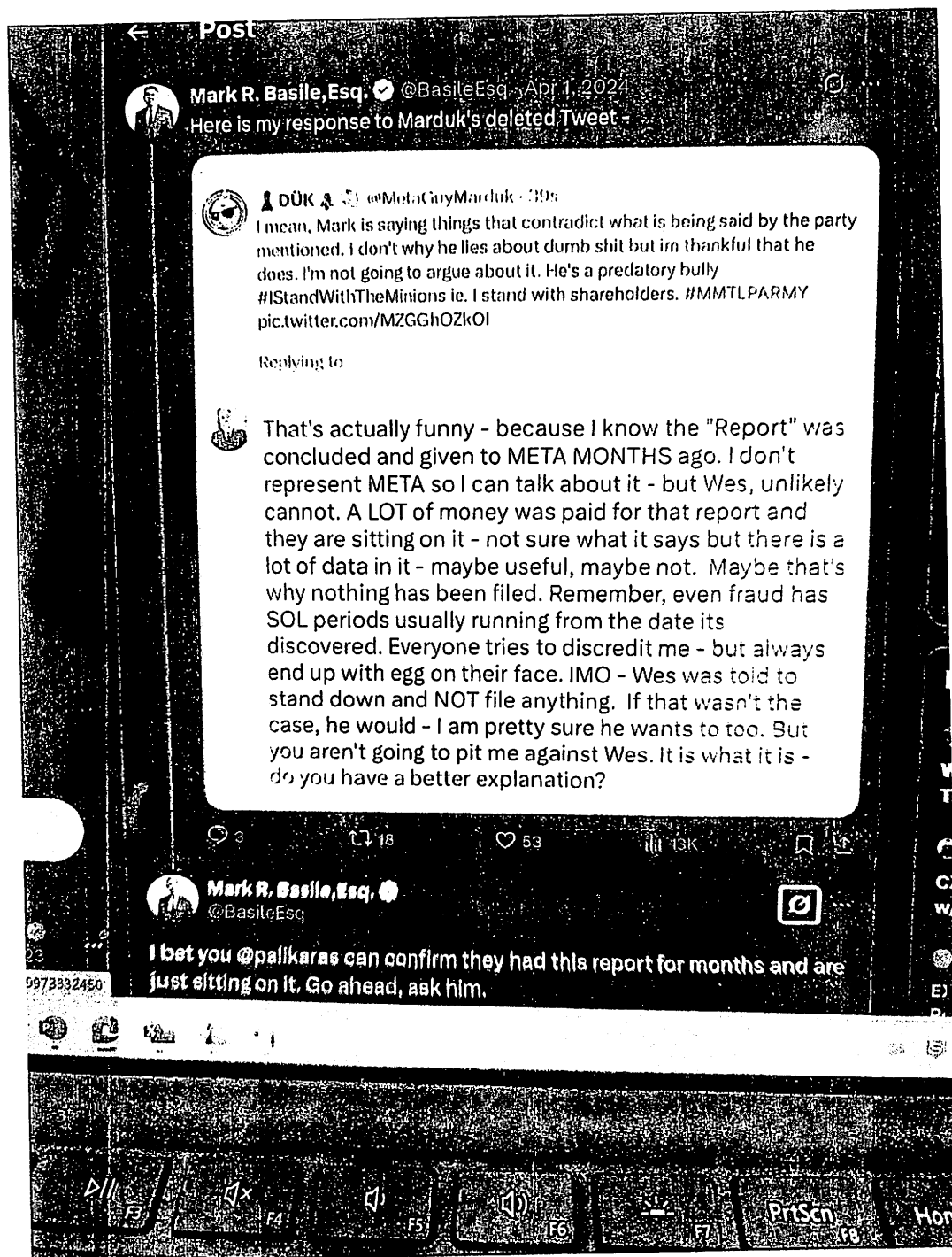
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